(d) if not, what Government propose to do to provide more such Centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) States of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa and Gujarat have large number of persons with mental disabilities.

(b) NIMH has three Regional Centres located at Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai, and two Model Special Education Centres at New Delhi and Secunderabad.

(c) and (d) Besides Model Special Education Centres of NIMH, about 1025 special schools are run by Non-Governmental Organisations.

Manual scavenging

2266. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry was directed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister to prepare the status notes on its programmes regarding conversion of dry latrines and the liberation of manual scavengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the total number of manual scavengers as on 1st January, 2007; and

(d) by when the inhuman system of manual scavenging would be abolished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) In compliance of the directions of Hon'ble Prime Minister, a status note on Liberation and Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers was submitted by the Ministry in October, 2006.

(c) and (d) The continuance and construction of dry latrines and employment of manual scavengers is prohibited under the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993. However, for rehabilitation of erstwhile manual scavengers and their dependents in alternative occupations, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched a new Self Employment Scheme for Rehabilitation of Manual Scavengers. As per reports received from State Governments/UT Administrations, there were 3.42 lakh erstwhile manual scavengers and their dependents, to be rehabilitated, at the time of formulation of the scheme.

De-addiction centres

2267. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of de-addiction centres in the country, State-wise;

(b) the capacity to house drug addicts in those centres, centre-wise; and

(c) whether Government are considering to introduce more centres and if so, the locations thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) State-wise details of number of de-addiction centres and their bed capacity is given below:–

State/UT-wise details of number and capacity of de-addiction centres under the Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse

Name of State/UT	15 Bedded	30 Bedded	50 Bedded	Name of State/UT	15 Bedded	30 Bedded	50 Bedded
Andhra Pradesh	16	—	—	Rajasthan	7	2	—
Bihar	11	1	—	Tamil Nadu	24	1	—
Chhattisgarh	2	—	—	Uttar Pradesh	44	4	—
Goa	1	—	—	Uttarakhand	4	1	—
Gujarat	9	1	—	West Bengal	11	1	—
Haryana	20	—	—	Delhi	6	4	—
Himachal Pradesh	3	—	—	Arunachal Pradesh	1	—	—
Jammu & Kashmir	2	—	—	Assam	8	—	—
Jharkhand	2	—	—	Manipur	17	4	—
Karnataka	21	6	—	Meghalaya	2	—	—
Kerala	20	1	—	Mizoram	9	1	—
Madhya Pradesh	17	—	—	Nagaland	4	1	—
Maharashtra	47	3	1	Tripura	2	—	—
Orissa	28	—	—	Sikkim	1	—	—
Punjab	16	2	—	TOTAL	355	33	1

(c) Yes Sir. Unserved districts are identified for opening of new centres. The proposals of Non Governmental Organisations received from time to time through the State Governments are scrutinized and considered and it is a continuous process.

Welfare of widows

2268. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for subsistence and welfare of old, helpless and widowed women;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?